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1. VEB Maschinenfabrik NEMA, Netzschkau, employs approximately 2,000 persons, not more than 1,300 of whom are directly involved in production. The remainder are transport workers, workers who prepare materials for final production (for example, sheet metal cutters), warehouse and supervisory personnel. Approximately 20 engineers work at the plant.

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2. The plant is directly under the Ministry for Machine Construction and is divided into four departments: the plant management, the technical department, the sales department and the labor department. Although the cadre chief is technically subordinate to the plant director, he is independent of him to some extent. For example, his mail cannot be opened by the plant director.

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3. The following are the more important personalities at VEB Maschinenfabrik NEMA, Netzschkau, arranged according to department:

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a. Plant managementName

Plant director	Adolf Rossig (SED)
Planning director	Hermann Intemann (SED)
Cadre chief	Hans Junker (SED)
Inventions	Semmling (fnu - SED)
Party organization	Hans Schoenfuss (SED)
FDGB	Lerchenmueller (fnu - SED)

b. Sales department

Sales director	Dr. Kuenkel (fnu - SED)
Chief bookkeeper	Bachmann (fnu - SED)
Buyer	Dietrich (fnu - SED)

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c. Technical department

Technical chief	Friedrich Walz (LDP)
Designer, heat & ventilation	Werner Hess (no party)
Designer, refrigeration	Erdmann (fnu - no party)
Production chief	Heinz Jahn (no party)
Chief technician	Johannes Fiedlschuster (no party)

d. Labor department

Labor director	Netzsich (fnu - SED)
Labor	Maedler (fnu - SED)
Norms	Rudi Grell (SED)
Planning	Spindler (fnu - CDU)

4. Plant director Rossig was not considered very capable. The technical staff was generally anti-Communist, and most of the personnel, particularly technical chief Walz, were kept in the plant only because no suitable replacements could be found. Of the 60 persons closely connected with the technical department, only two were SED members.

5. The 1945 plan for the plant, expressed in Werkabgabepreise, was 30,000,000 DME. The plan was only 87% fulfilled. The underfulfillment was due to the following reasons:

a. The sheet metal and structural metal such as I-beams, braces, etc., needed for production were in very short supply.

b. Small metal parts, such as screws, bolts, etc., were unavailable and had to be produced at the plant.

c. The plan was in a continual state of flux. For example, the production of threshers was called off and then started again.

6. Production at VEB Maschinenfabrik NEMA, Netzschkau, is divided into two major components: agricultural machinery production and the production of heating, ventilating and refrigerating equipment.

a. The agricultural machinery department employs about 300 people.

1) Threshers: in 1954, the plant produced an average of about 30 threshers per month. Each thresher is valued at 10,000 DME. In August of 1954, this production was halted and the employees were shifted to the production of ventilators.

2) Straw balers (Strohpressen): approximately 200 straw balers are produced per month.

b. Refrigeration equipment.

1) Cold storage plants: in 1954, five cold storage plants were produced for East German cities. None are planned for 1955.

2) Refrigerator cars: approximately 55 refrigerator cars were produced in 1954. Only five of these were retained for use in East Germany.

3) Thermobarokammern: about 25 of these units were produced in 1954 and 20 more are planned for 1955. All of them are sent to the USSR. These units are about 20 by 18 by 15 feet in size. They are used to produce low temperatures and controlled pressures for testing materials.

4) Various types of ice-making equipment.

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c. Heating, ventilating and temperature control equipment.

1) Thermostats for humidity and temperature control in industries such as the meat-packing industry.

2) Ventilators: all the ventilators produced were for industrial use and included a wide variety of special orders for special situations. Between 500 and 600 various types of ventilators were delivered to the Wismut mines. Other types of blowers and exhaust fans were produced for boilers. No accurate figures on production are known to the source.

7. At least 80 percent of the plant's production, possibly more, is sent to the USSR.

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